# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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APPOINTMENT OF HEADS OF CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to constitute search-cum-selection Committees for appointment of heads of cultural institutions like Archaeological Survey of India, (ASI) National Museum, National Archives and Central Libraries which have been functioning without a head for years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the selection procedure devised for appointment of heads of Cultural Institutions?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): In the absence of suitable candidates who are eligible to be promoted/appointed to the posts of heads of some of the national cultural institutions as per existing recruitment rules, these posts are currently held by officers on "in-charge" or additional charge basis. These organizations are:

1. National Archives of India (in-charge arrangement)

2. National Museum (additional charge)

3. National Library( in-charge arrangement)

4. Anthropological Survey of India (in-charge arrangement)

In addition, the post of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India is currently held by an IAS Officer of the level of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

(b): The process of revision of recruitment rules involves consultation with the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) and the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), followed by the approval of the Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) as required. With these processes having been completed, the final draft recruitment rules are being sent to Ministry of Law for vetting/concurrence before these are notified.

In granting its approval to the draft revised recruitment rules, Government has approved selection of eminent professionals through a "Search cum Selection Committee" on 'Contract Appointment' basis, as well as on Deputation (including short term contract) basis.